Irrigation Projects Affected by Flood in Andhra Pradesh

3042. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be plesed to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects affected by recent floods in several districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the extent of damage caused to the projects; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to renovate the said projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) as per information furnished by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, 10 nos. of major, 20 nos. of medium and 1251 nos. of minor irrigation projects have been affected by recent floods in the State.

(b) 2115 number of breaches/scours had occurred during the floods.

(c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken up the temporary restoration works of the damanged irrigation systems and released an amount of Rs. 4.00 crore. An amount of Rs. 9.85 crore has also been recommended for release by the Central Government for restoration of irrigation works.

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†WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 14TH DECEMBER, 2001

Pollution Control Boards

*361. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be plesed to state.

(a) when the performance of State and Central Pollution Control Boards was received last;

(b) when the next submission of performance is due;

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†The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Friday, the 14th December, 2001 was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of those who laid down their precious lives in the terrorists' attack on the Parliament House. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, the 18th December, 2001

(c) which are the States being strengthened under World Bank aided projects; and

(d) the progress made in strengthening the State Pollution Control Boards, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 the Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Boards are required to submit their performance through Annual Reports to the Central and State Government respectively after each financial year. The Annual Report of CPCB for the year 2000-2001 was received in September, 2001 and the Annual Report for the year 2001-2002 is due before August, 2002. The Ministry of Environment & Forests reviews the performance of Central and State Pollution Control Boards periodically. The performance of the pollution Control Boards was reviewed in the National Conference on Ministers of Environment and forest held at Coimbatore in January, 2001. Further, in November, 2001, a conference of Chairmen and Member Secretaries of the Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees was held and their performance has been reviewed.

(c) and (d) The World Bank aided projects under which the State Pollution control Boards are strengthened are the following:—

— Industrial Pollution Control Project.

— Industrial Pllution Prevention Project.

— The Environmental Management Capacity Building Technical Assitance project.

Under the above projects, the State Pollution control Boards of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashimr, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalya, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal and the Pollution Control Committees of Delhi and Pondicherry and Central Pollution Control Board and its zonal offices have been strengthened in terms of laboratory infrastructure and training of personnel.